in Information Technology consumption in general and particularly in the manufacturing, banking & finance and media & professional services sectors. As per the study, the trend is expected to reverse with projected Personal Computers sales of 19 lakh units in 2002-03.

Extravagancy in BSNL

2348. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bharat Sanchar Nigam main karodon ki phizulkharchi" which appeared in the "Punjab Kesari" dated the 4th July, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what corrective steps are proposed to be taken to address various problems and bottlenecks mentioned in the news article regarding corrupt practices between Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The renting of accommodation has been carried out due to extreme shortage of space in Sanchar Bhawan and the need to vacate Dak Bhawan. The process has been carried out through open tendering in a transparent manner and therefore, the question of taking corrective steps does not arise.

Mobile connections through BSNL in Kerala

2349. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to provide mobile connections through BSNL in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has planned to provide an installed capacity of 3,26,585 Cellular connections in the State of Kerala in two phases covering 100 cities/towns, important National Highways and a few State Highways of the State. The activities related to the Cellular network rollout are proceeding as per schedule. In addition limited mobility wireless in local loop (WLL) services with a capacity of 562900 lines have been planned to be commissioned this year in the State of Kerala.

Introduction of WLL services in Mainpuri

†2350. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the answers to Starred Question 325 and Unstarred Questions 1203 and 779 given on the 14th August, 2001, 29th November, 2001 and 7th March, 2002 respectively and state:

(a) whether WLL services have been introduced in the Mainpuri district, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of telephone connections provided in villages Anjani and Shahjahanpur of Mainpuri;

(c) if no connections have been provided, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether telephone connections would be provided by August, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir. WLL systems of 500 lines each have been made operational at 5 places, namely, Karhal, Bhogaon, Jasrana, Mainpuri and Shikohabad in Mainpuri district during the month of May, 2002. 1131 telephone connections have been provided from these systems.

(b) to (d) 12 telephone connections in Anjani village and 2 telephone

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.